

US History & Government

Entrance task: Listen to this song. What is one effect of geography represented in it?

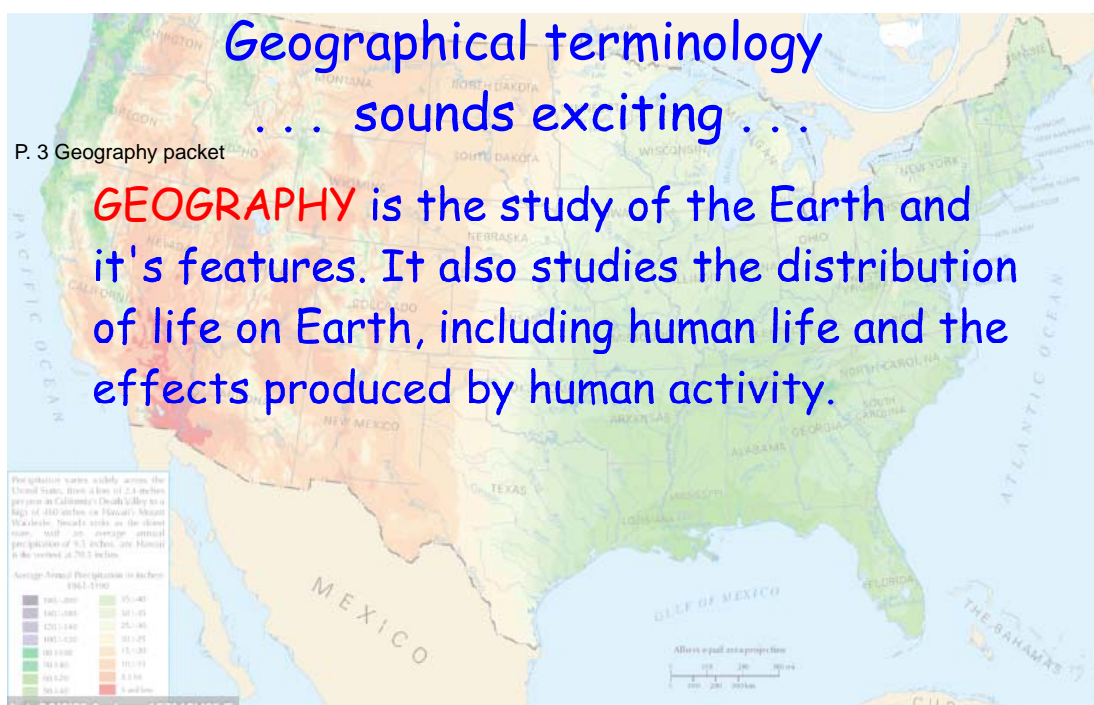
Today: Geographic terminology & the US

Homework: Finish physical map if not finished in class.



Proud Mary





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To study & describe these themes, geographers use different types of maps. CW p. 3

Map Types:

1. A **political** map shows boundaries such as cities, states, and counties.
2. A **physical** map shows the earth's various landforms, water, etc. through various shadings and colors.
3. A **topographic** map shows the physical features of an area. They feature contour lines and can depict 3D variations of terrain. It is the best type of map to look at if you want to look at the physical features of an area.



To look at the movement of people within the United States, geographers can look at a map to pinpoint the location of the largest cities.

Why are they
so heavily populated?



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Cities

Cities in the U.S. are constantly changing. Why would they change?

1. **Transportation changes**
2. **Employment opportunities**
3. **Climate**
4. **Cultural attractions**
5. **Technology**

What effect does that have on our government?

Political representation, taxes, infrastructure, social services all need to adapt.

What effect does that have on our country?

Jobs, work force, economic strain, need for food.

Regions

Geographers describe regions as places that have at least one common characteristic. Regions can be defined by physical characteristics such as landforms or climate. They can also be defined by cultural characteristics. Political regions include towns, counties, cities, states, and the United States as a whole.



Broome County is where most of you live.

Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Vermont are states bordering New York.

Classwork

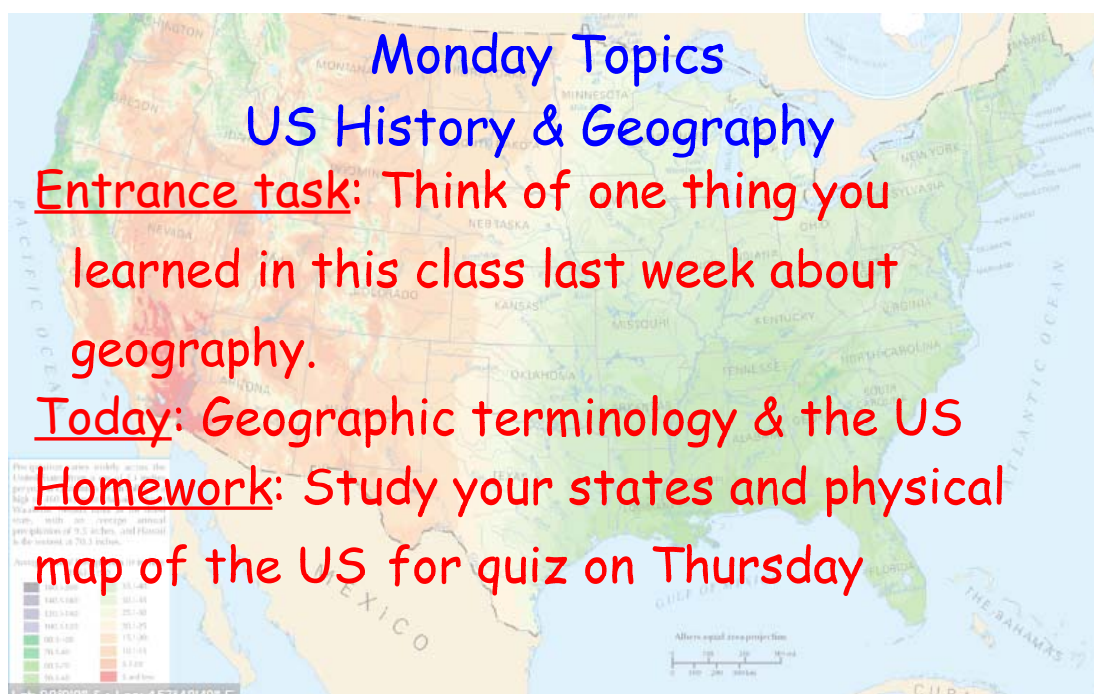
- * With a partner and an atlas, begin labeling the physical geographic features of the US

Page 8 & 9 in packet, page 12 in atlas

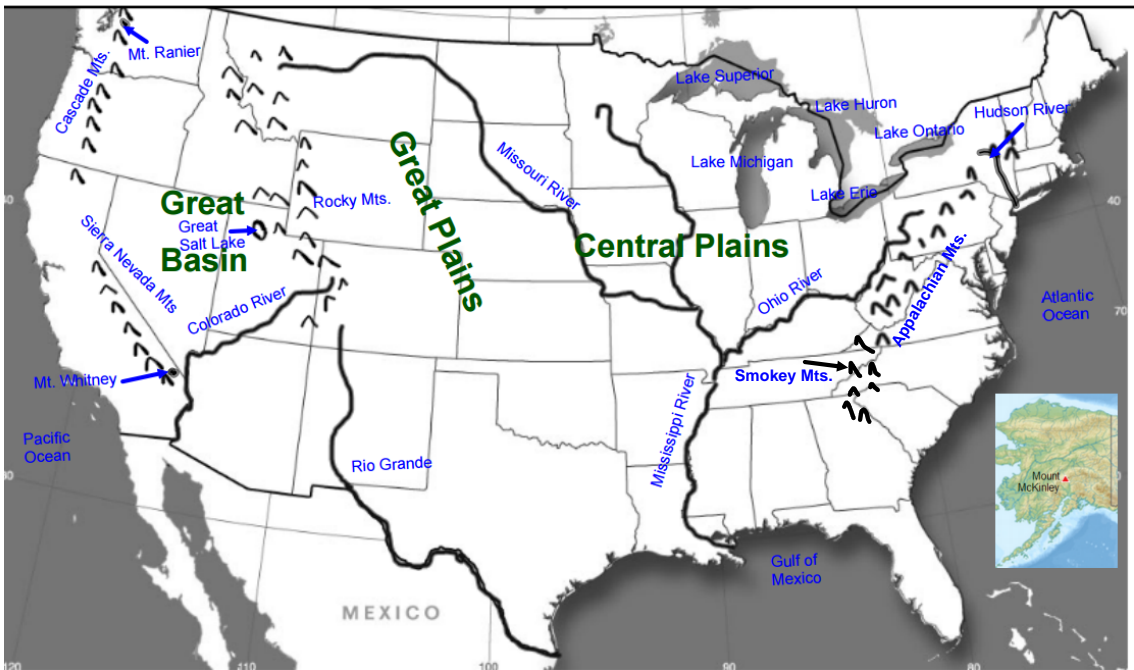
Homework

None!!!





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Analysis of Geography



Now that we know

what it is,
let's see how
it matters.

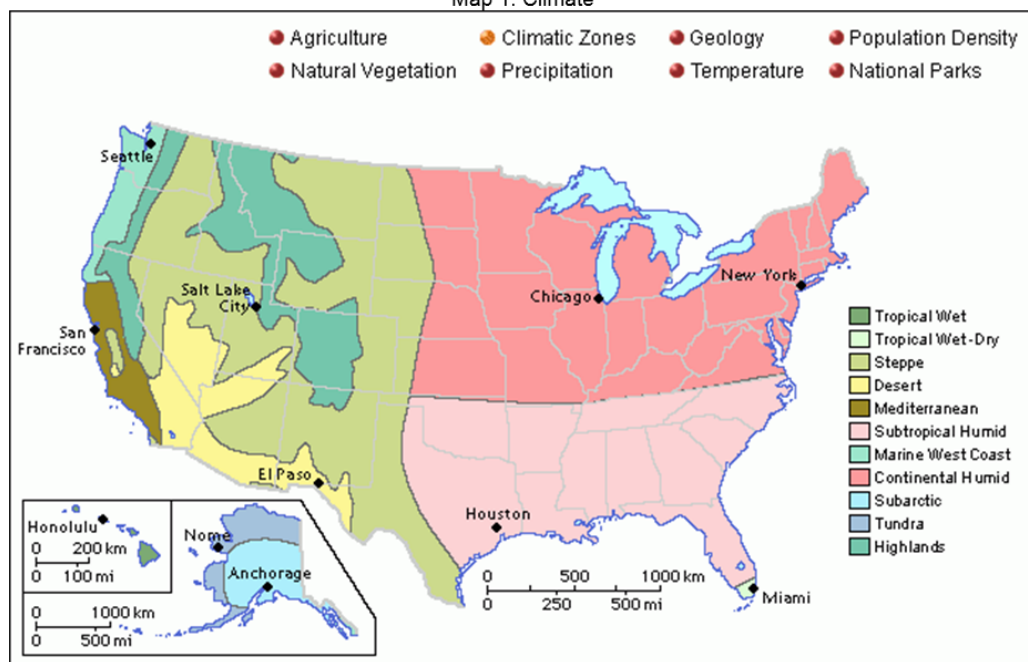
Analysis of Geography



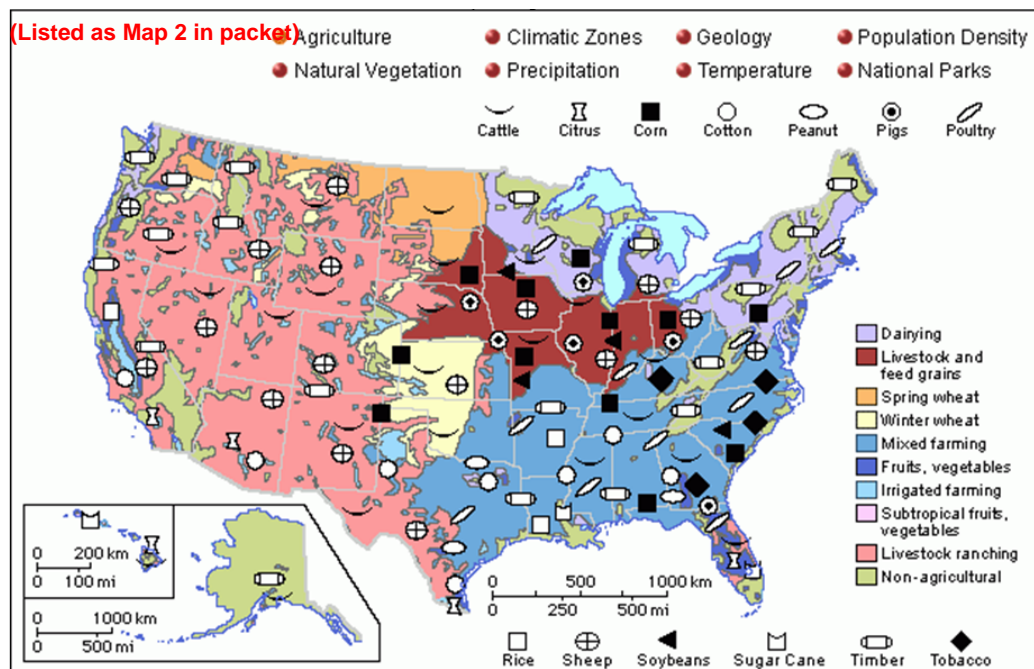
With a partner,
answer the questions
on pages 9 & 10 in
your packet.

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Map 1: Climate

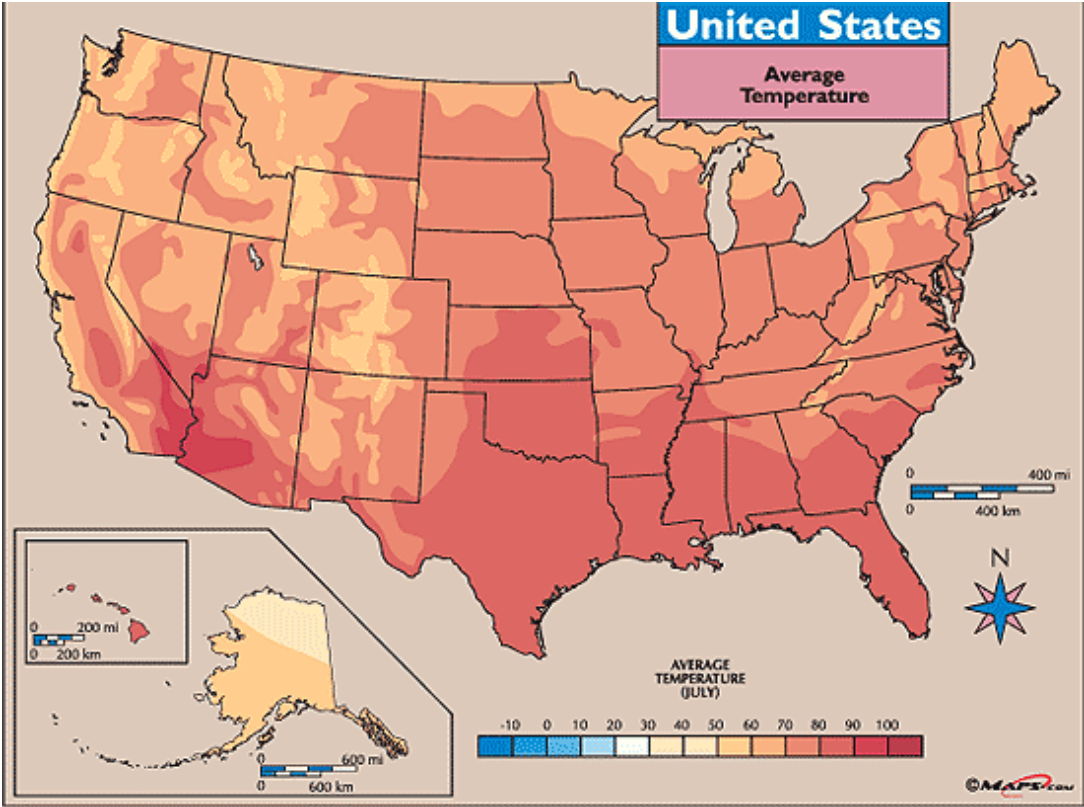


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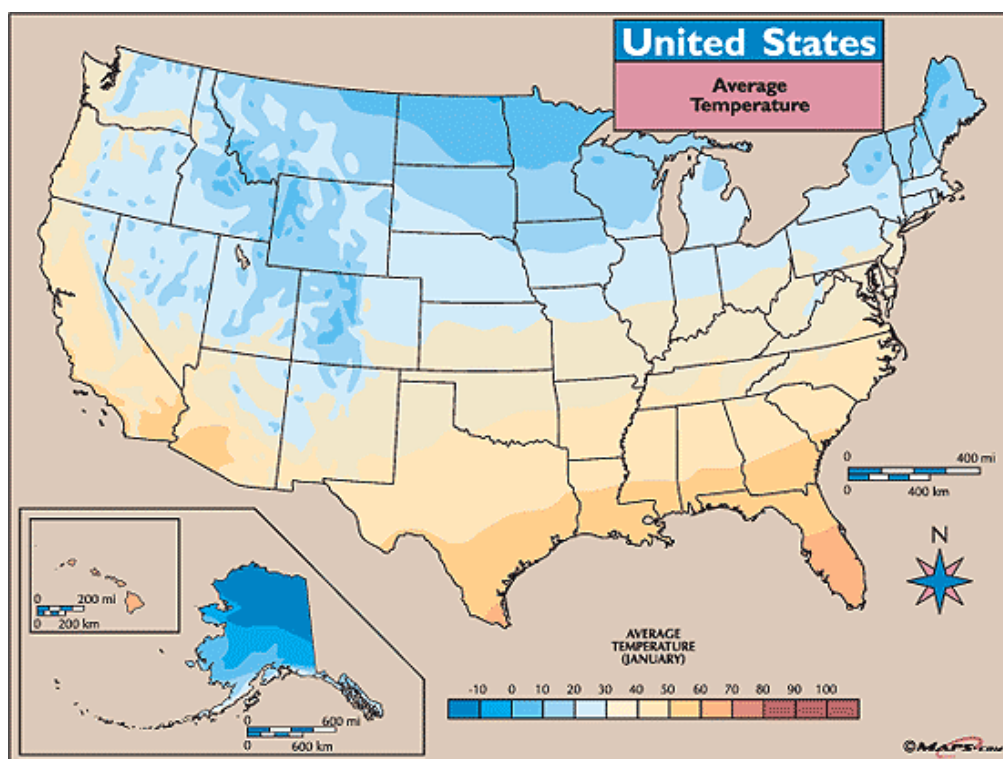
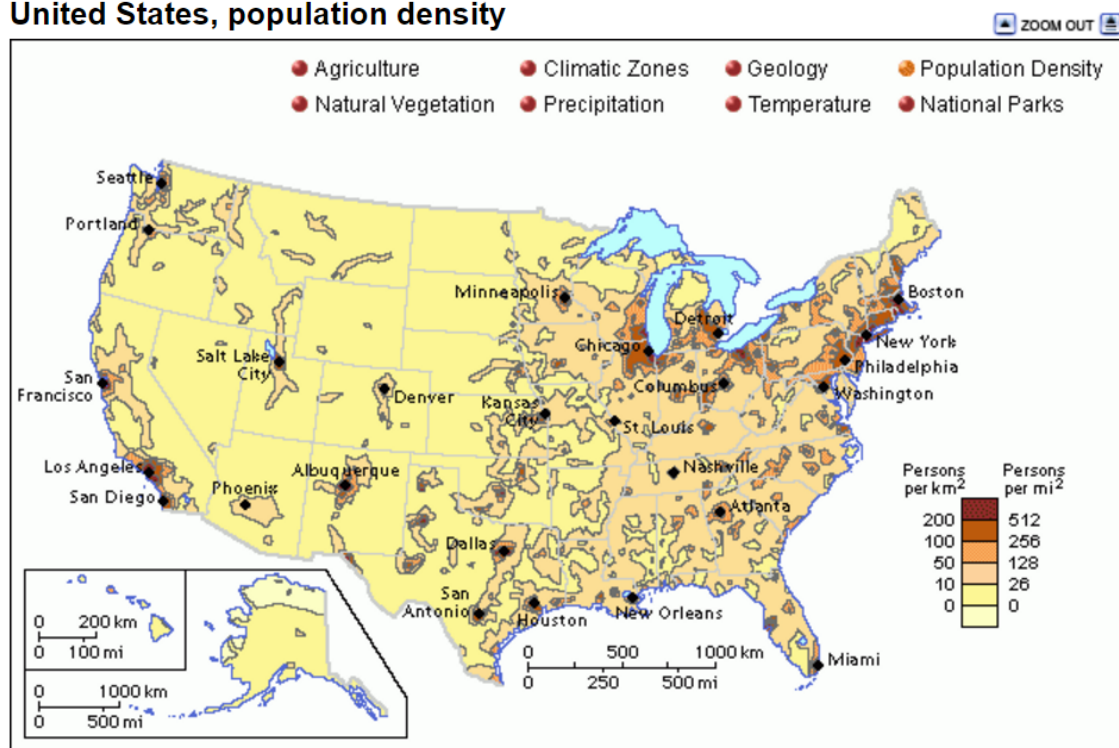
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Land Use

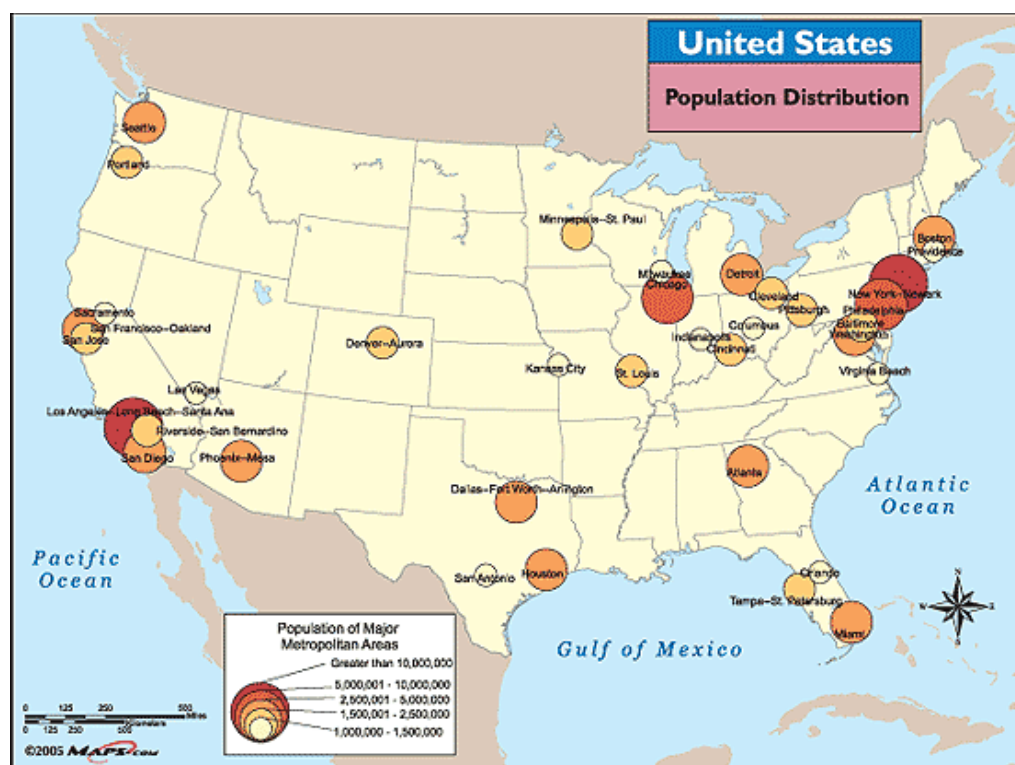
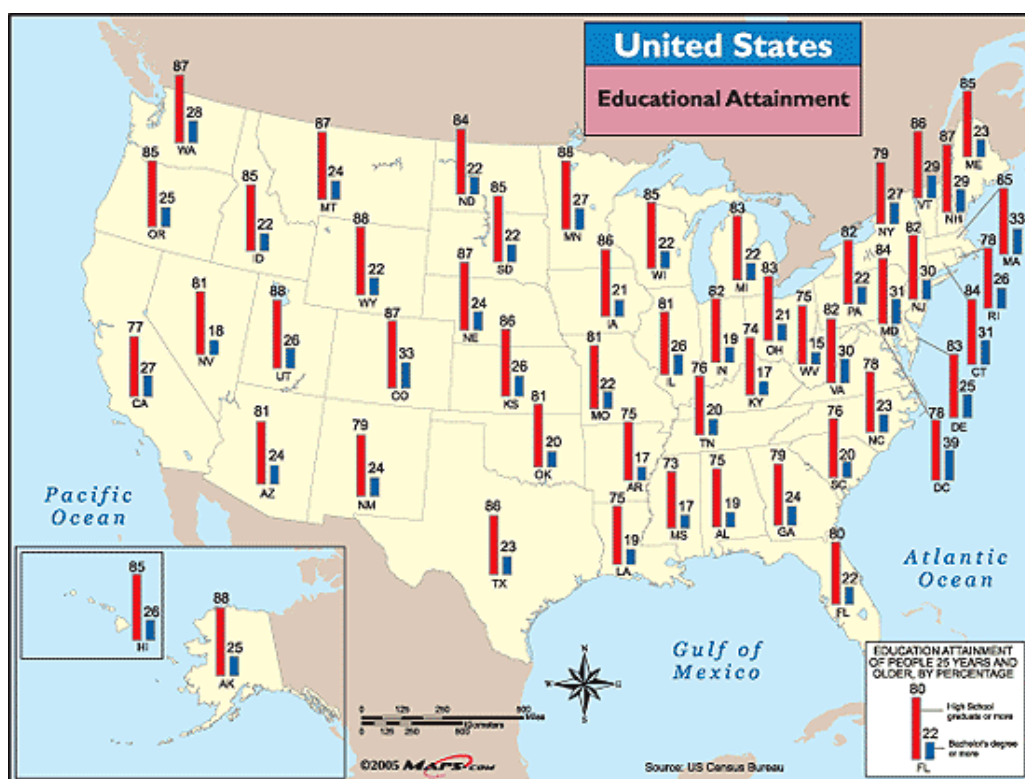


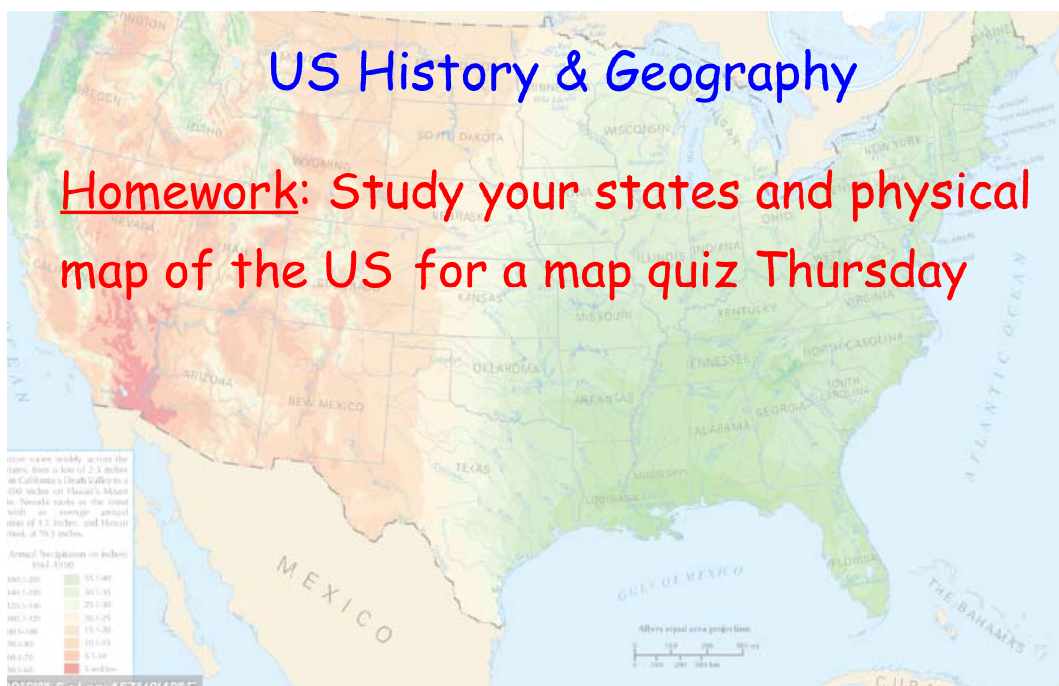
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United States, population density



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US History Geography Thrills

Entrance task: Think of a definition for the word policy and one reason they are made.

Today: Themes of Geography and US policies

Homework: Review for quest on Thursday



Policy



Definition of POLICY



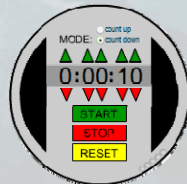
- 1 a :** prudence or wisdom in the management of affairs
b : management or procedure based primarily on material interest
- 2 a :** a definite course or method of action selected from among alternatives and in light of given conditions to guide and determine present and future decisions
b : a high-level overall plan embracing the general goals and acceptable procedures especially of a governmental body

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/policy>

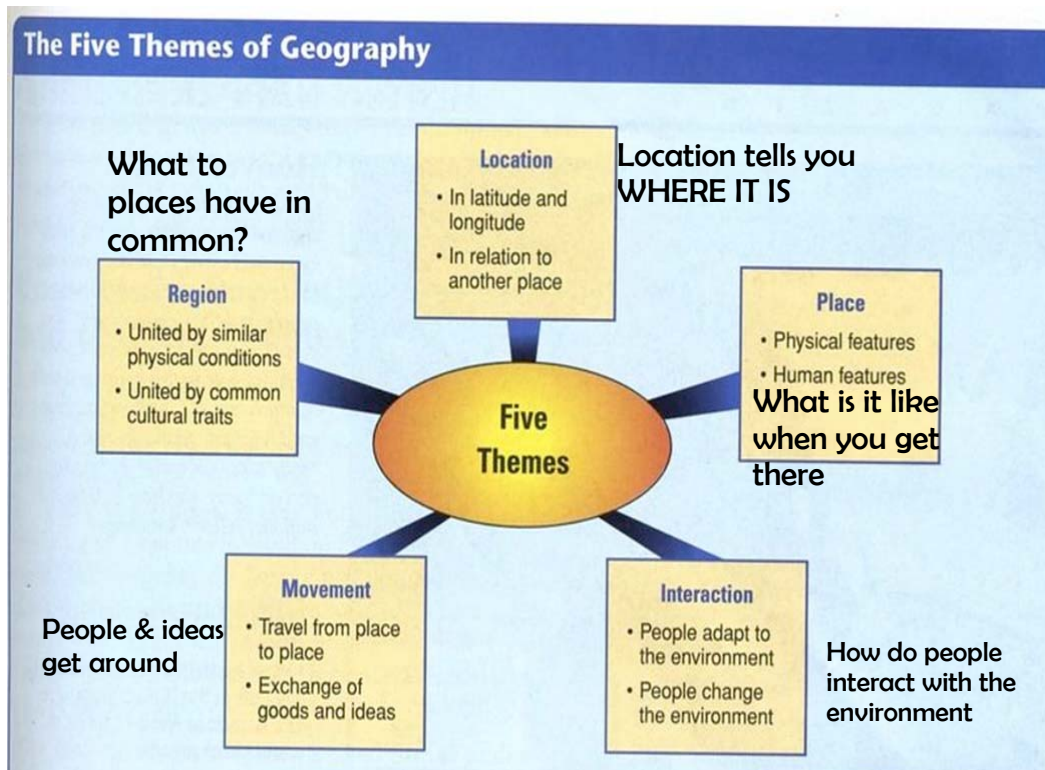
Polical, Social and Economic effects of geography on **POLICIES** of the U.S.A.

In groups of 3-4:

- * rotate around the 6 stations when the horn blows
- * read the info on each US policy and discuss the questions
- * decide what geographic theme(s) was a factor in the policy.



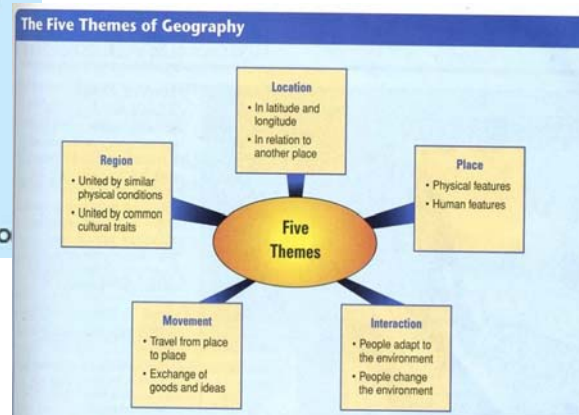
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Station 1

The Panama Canal

1. What does this map depict?
2. Identify the oceans and seas that were involved.
3. Identify where the Panama Canal is located.
4. If the Panama Canal did not exist, what route would a person who wanted to travel from Miami to Los Angeles by sea have to take?
5. What theme of geography was a factor in the creation of the Panama Canal?

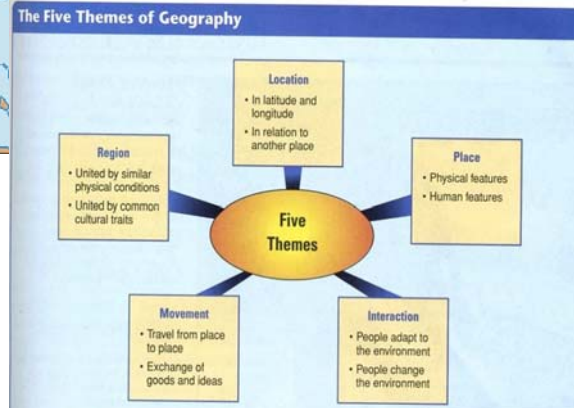


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Station 2

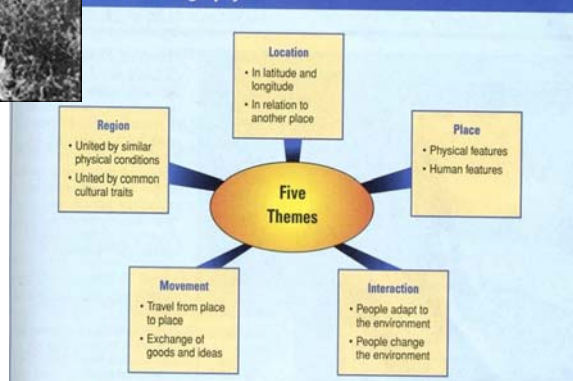
1. According to the map, what important river travels the eastern border of the Louisiana Purchase and deposits in the city of New Orleans?
2. Previously controlled by France, why do you suppose the US wanted to control this river?
3. What theme of geography was a factor in the Louisiana Purchase?



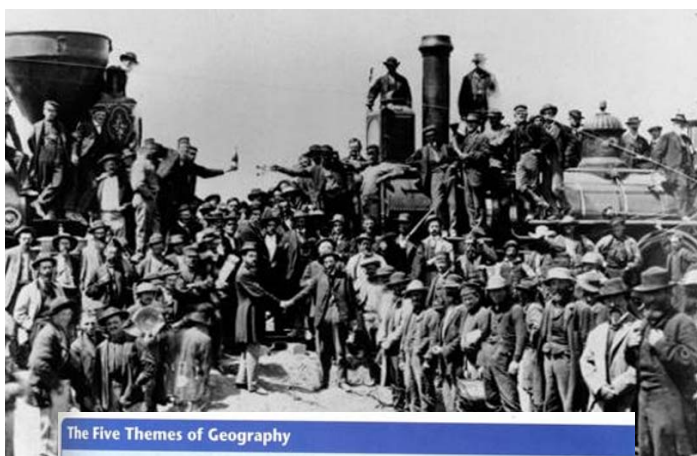
Station 3

1. Look at the picture of Homesteaders taken in 1865. What is on top of the house?
2. What material was used to construct this house?
3. What possible negative consequences could occur if thousands of people used the top layer of land to make building materials?
4. What theme of geography was a factor in the passage of the Homestead Act in 1862?

Themes of Geography



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The Five Themes of Geography



Station 4

1. What is going on in this picture?
2. What machines are the men standing on in the background?
3. Why would these men be celebrating the trains meeting one another?
4. What theme of geography was a factor in the developing the Transcontinental Railroad?



Station 5

1. What does this map depict?
2. Identify a city on the East and West coast that would be connected by this system.
3. Why would it be important, economically, for a nation to have a good system of highways?
4. Why would it be important militarily for a nation to have a good system of highways?

What theme was a factor in the Interstate Highway Act?

The Five Themes of Geography



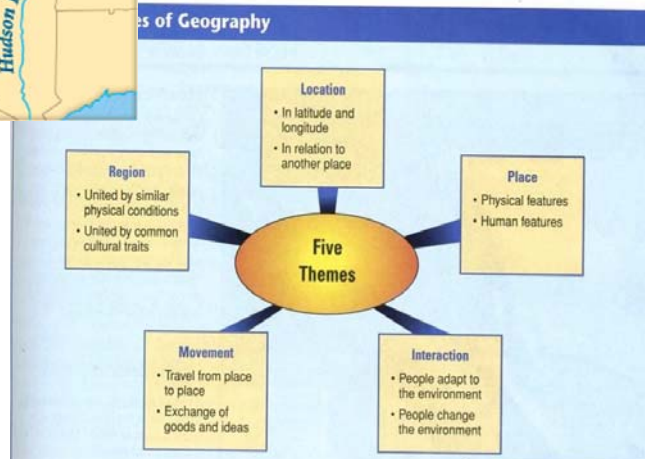
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Station 6

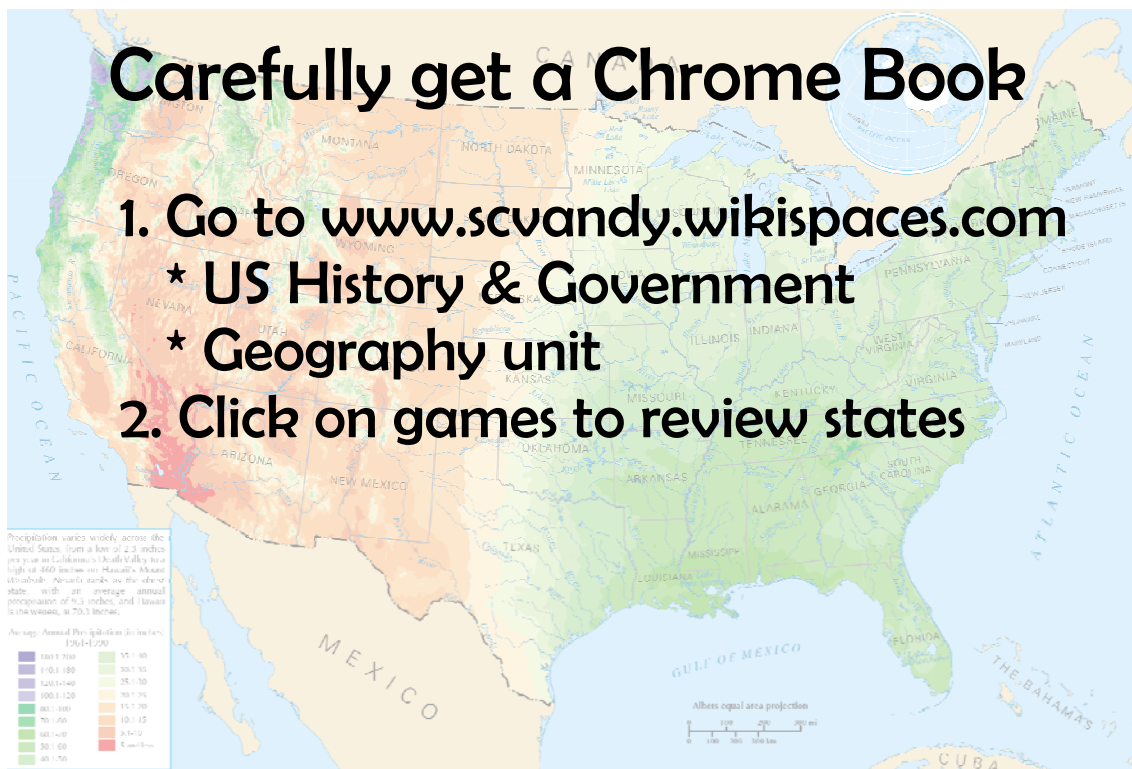
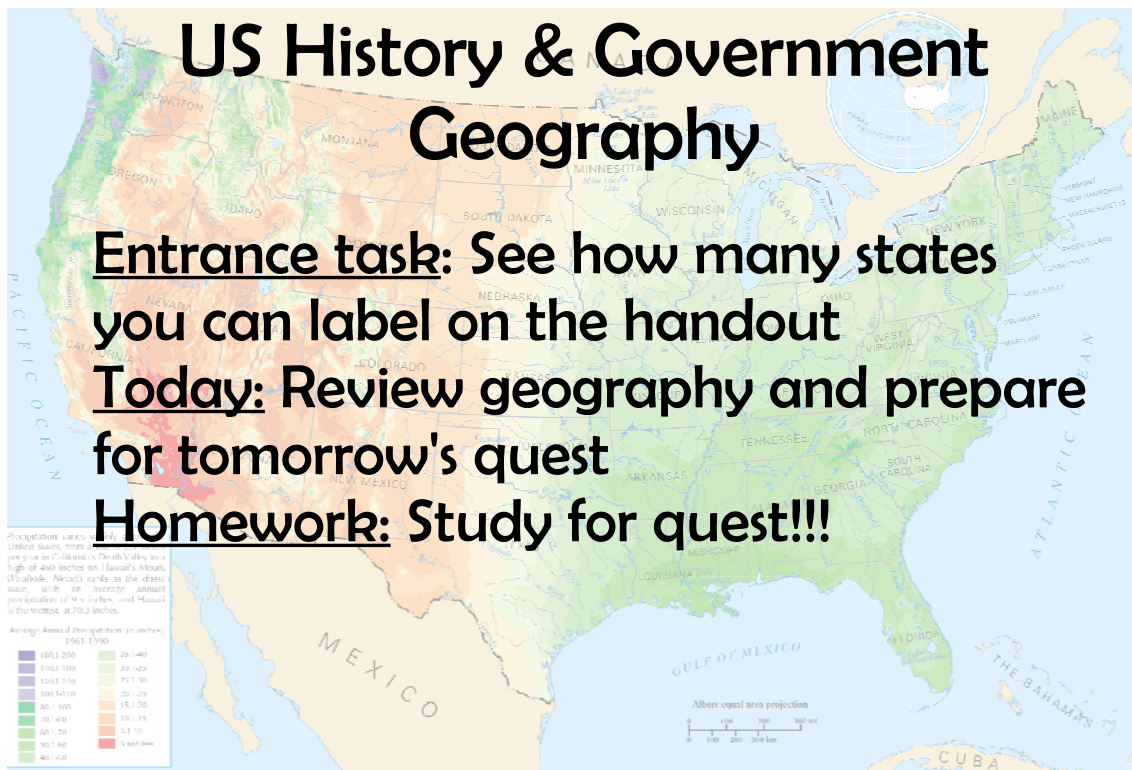
1. What theme was a factor in the decision to build the canal?
2. What benefit did the canal provide and what areas were connected by it?
3. What impact do you think the canal had on areas through which it passed?
4. Who was most affected by completion of the canal?

The Boss
4 min.



Homework: Review
maps for a quest on
Thursday





Homework

Review maps and notes for quest tomorrow

